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Spring Concert gets 'some more' attendance

Dan Cooney
Campus Editor

Attendance at this year's Spring Concert was more than double that of last year's concert. The concert, which was held Saturday, March 26 in the DeCarlo Varsity Center, featured Neon Trees and Minus the Bear.

According to SUPB Major Events Coordinator Meghan Everett, a minimum of 1,100 people attended this year's concert compared to approximately 400 attendees at last year's concert, which featured Chamillionaire and Sean Kingston.

One possible reason for the increased attendance was that the concert was free to all JCU students with a valid University identification card.

Spring Concert Co-Chair Erin Flaherty said it was originally a goal of the committee to make the concert more economically

accessible to students.

"When we were informed that it was allowable within SUPB's budget to make the concert free to students, of course we were excited at the opportunity," she said.

The total budget had not been spent, and therefore, the concert was made free to all JCU students with valid IDs.

Students that already purchased tickets before the announcement was made were given a voucher in exchange for their ticket at the door. They could exchange that voucher for their money back between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the following Monday in the offices of Campus Safety Services. The vouchers were only accepted for one day because it was deemed unsafe to have people sitting with a large amount of money for multiple days.

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Photo by Taylor Horen

Main act Neon Trees performs in the DeCarlo Varsity Center at this year's Spring Concert, which was held Saturday.

Read all about it: Newspaper stands relocated

Ryllie Danylko
Staff Writer

Recently, the Office of Residence Life removed the newspaper racks in some residence halls, and implemented some in new locations. Greg Petsche, resident assistant in Sutowski Hall and executive vice president of the Student Union, headed this project.

The main issue with the newspaper racks in some of the halls was securing the racks inside the buildings past the fob doors.

"Since Residence Life moved the racks inside the halls past the fob doors, the delivery drivers were no longer able to get to the old papers," said Petsche. "We couldn't give the delivery drivers fob access, as it is a security risk."

Because of this, the Student Union, whose budget from the Student Activity Fee funds the delivery of the papers, was paying for a lot of unread papers.

"On average, a residence hall, before the move, was using only nine to 11 papers out of the 20 delivered per day," said Petsche.

Since each location gets three different papers each day – The New York Times, USA Today, and The Plain Dealer

– they were paying for about 30 unread newspapers per hall, per day.

John Mack, assistant director of residence life, was also involved in the move.

"The newspaper racks and the newspapers were being used to prop the front doors of the halls on a regular basis," said Mack. "The racks were initially moved inside the lobby areas, but papers were then being placed on the floor

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Photo by Dan Cooney

Gaffney tabbed as editor in chief for 2011-2012

Managing Editor Emily Gaffney was elected editor in chief of The Carroll News for the 2011-2012 school year. She will begin her tenure with next week's issue of John Carroll's student-produced, award-winning newspaper.

Gaffney, a junior from Akron, started with The Carroll News during her freshman year as a staff reporter, and later as an assistant campus editor. She became a campus editor at the end of her freshman year. This semester, she was promoted to managing editor under current Editor in Chief Bob Seeholzer.

"Emily has a lot of experience and enthusiasm, not to mention a good group of returning staff members to work with. I think she'll do a great job," said Seeholzer.

Gaffney is eager to start heading The Carroll News.

"I am very excited," she said. "We're going to have some new people next year and I'm looking forward to working with them all."

Besides her role at The Carroll News, Gaffney serves as co-president of JCU's chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. She is majoring in political science.



Photo by Dan Cooney

New CN editor in chief, Emily Gaffney

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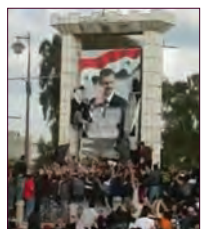
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Campus Briefs

Author speaking as a part of the Visiting Writers Series

John Carroll University’s English department is hosting the Visiting Writer Series and the next speaker will be writer Lee Smith. She will speak on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Dolan Center for Science and Technology.

Smith is a retired professor of English from North Carolina State University. She has received several awards including the North Carolina Award for Literature and an Academy Award in fiction from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

She has written 15 works of fiction including “Oral History,” “Fair and Tender Ladies,” and “On Agate Hill.” Her most recent work includes a selection of short stories titled “Mrs. Darcy and the Blue-Eyed Stranger.”

For more information contact the Michael Croley from the English department at mcroley@jcu.edu.

S.I.F.E team moves on to nationals

The John Carroll S.I.F.E team, which stands for Students in Free Enterprise, competed in a regional competition on March 21. The competition was held at the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. The team had to review four 2010-2011 proposed projects.

The four projects were titled African Children Ministries, Hope for Honduran Children Foundation, Elevate Your Future and Sam’s Club Environmental Sustainability Challenge.

After the competition the team was invited to participate in the National Competition in Minneapolis, MN. The competition will take place from May 10-12.

Good luck to the students at the national competition.

Get to know John Roselle



Where are you from?

I am from Broken Arrow, OK, near Tulsa. I went to Creighton University, where I majored in theology and minored in history.

What made you want to become a Jesuit?

During my sophomore year in college, I had a kind of conversion, in which I came to know Jesus more deeply as my Savior, and I started to give my life to Him. As hokey as it sounds, He truly changed my heart and gave me a new meaning and purpose in my life. For the first time, being a priest seemed like an attractive, adventurous way of following Jesus. Other factors were the good examples of the spiritual fatherhood

in Jesuits I knew, working with the Jesuits on an Indian reservation for two years, and loving Jesuit spirituality. It took me four years from the time the idea first came to applying to the Jesuits, and in the meantime, I dated and was actually engaged to a wonderful woman before I finally felt called to make the leap.

What do you do with your free time?

I have an artistic side, which shows itself in drawing, writing poetry and doing puppet ministry for kids. I also love to read, watch films and have meaningful conversations.

Is there anything students should know about the Jesuits that they may not already know?

Every year about 30 men from all different backgrounds (from recent college grads to doctors and lawyers) enter the Jesuits in the United States. It is a great brotherhood and vocation. The Jesuits were founded to “help souls” in as many ways as possible and are needed in the Church and in the world.

What is a book you have recently read?

This past semester I re-read “The Great Divorce” by C.S. Lewis (probably now my favorite book). It is a short but great allegorical story about a bus that takes people from Hell to Heaven, only to show the riders’ strange, scary reactions to the joy of Heaven.

Do you have a moral hero? Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Who is your favorite super hero? Batman

– Interview conducted by Odell Brown

Newspapers relocated to more convenient places around campus, saves JCU money

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of the entrances rather than getting moved inside to the racks. We were able to secure the racks in Pacelli, Dolan and Murphy Halls where we continue to have papers delivered. Unfortunately, we did have to remove them from the other halls due to these entrances being smaller and not having places to secure the racks.”

The move can only benefit newspaper readers according to Petsche.

“If I kept it the way it was going, we wouldn’t have enough money in the budget to keep the Readership Program going,” he said.

There is now an additional rack in the Boler School of Business, and new racks in the O’Malley Center, Bernet Hall and the Inn Between. There are no longer racks in Sutowski, Campion, Hamlin and Millor, as these were the residence halls with the fob issues. All the other locations are the same with adjusted amounts of newspapers.

Students seem to be responding well to the change. Sophomore Anna Bobby, who reads USA Today and gets her daily newspaper outside Einstein Bros. Bagels, said, “I felt like when they were in front of the residence halls, people would just throw them around. I felt like it was kind of a waste of money.”

According to Petsche, the change is positive. He said, “Because of the change, we are saving money and more students are getting newspapers.”

“I felt like when they were in front of the residence halls, people would just throw them around.”

– Anna Bobby sophomore

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According to Everett, both Kappa Kappa Gamma and Gamma Phi Beta had events during the concert. Flaherty said the committee has no control over when other organizations plan their events.

“We blocked off four possible dates for the concert last spring,” said Flaherty. “It is unfortunate that other organizations should schedule dances and club activities on top of the concert, but we work around the availability of the Varsity Gym.”

Kappa Kappa Gamma member Becca Magyar said that had the Spring Concert not been the same day as the sorority’s formal, she would have attended.

“Because it was free, yes,” she said.

Li’l Sibs Weekend, sponsored by the Residence Hall Association, was also taking place on campus. Freshman Lauren Laughlin would have gone to the concert had her siblings not been visiting.

“I had my three and five year-old siblings

and the concert was past their bedtime,” she said.

Flaherty said that the variety in artists the committee picks for each year’s concert seems to please concertgoers.

“The campus seems to respond well when we vary the artist selection year to year, so the mood and energy seemed to be very high and responsive when the concert was announced,” she said.

Junior Carrie Vollentine said she was a little disappointed when the band choices for the concert were announced.

“I had heard of Minus the Bear, so I was kind of excited,” she said.

Vollentine had not bought a ticket before the announcement that admission would be free for students with valid University IDs.

“I don’t think I would have gone had I had to purchase a ticket,” she said.

At the concert, she was disappointed with Minus the Bear’s performance, but “Neon Trees made up for that.”

“Their performance quality was so much more lively,” Vollentine said.



Photo by Taylor Horen

Neon Trees lead singer Tyler Glenn.

Campus Safety Log



March 23, 2011

A student reported a marijuana leaf drawn on a wall at 3:08 p.m.

March 26, 2011

At 4:35 a.m. campus police reported a missing receiver on the Murphy third floor courtesy phone.

These incidents are taken from the files of Campus Safety Services, located in the lower level of the Lombardo Student Center. For more information contact x1615.

March 25, 2011

At 11:07 a.m. a report was made of damages to the first floor men’s room in Campion Hall.

March 26, 2011

Campus Police reported a suspicious situation in the Murphy Hall stairwell at 8:55 p.m.

2011

Beaudry Award

Finalists

The Beaudry Award is given to a graduating senior who is voted by his or her senior class as most deserving of the honor. The Award recognizes outstanding leadership, commitment to Christian values, academic achievement and service to the University and/or greater community. The following students are the Beaudry Award finalists for 2011:



Photos by Dan Cooney

Katie Mathews

Katie is an English major with minors in religious studies and Catholic studies. She has devoted much of her time to the JCU swimming and diving team, with whom she has set five school records and offered fierce competition within the OAC. This semester, Katie will be part of the Manresa Retreat Leadership Team and has participated in CLC since her freshman year. Other retreats she has gone on include the Guidance Retreat, the Day of Silent Prayer & Reflection and the Living Authentically retreat. She hopes to be a Campus Minister. She is also a member of the Gamma Phi Beta sorority. In her free time she likes to write poetry and is twice-published in The Carroll Review.



Andrew Vogel

Andrew is a cell and molecular biology major with a Spanish minor. In the Beta Theta Pi fraternity, Andrew has served as Scholarship Chairman. He has also been president for Alpha Sigma Nu and Alpha Omega, the Roman Catholic Devotions group. He was a student coordinator for the 2010 Ecuador immersion experience and has served as a CLC and First Year Retreat leader. To express his faith, he has been a Eucharistic minister and a leader in Senior Conversations. He has also participated in the March for Life, Manresa 13 and the 8 day Silent retreat. As a member of the honors program, he has been on the Dean's list and was awarded the Kolenich Pre-Medical Scholarship.



Tori Shelton

Tori is a Spanish major with a focus in education from Avon Lake, Ohio. She has been a member of the Labre project since freshman year and was voted vice president in 2010. She was also nominated as one of the Student Union's Top 10 Leaders of 2010. She has expressed her commitment to Christian values by serving as a Eucharistic minister and a lector at both St. Francis Chapel and Gesu Church. She has participated in immersion trips to Immokalee and El Salvador in addition to going on the First Year Retreat, Manresa 13, Guidance retreat and the 8 Day Silent Retreat. She has also done March for Life and participates in the Senior Conversations group.



Joey Catanese

Joey is a psychology major from Gibsonia, Pa. In his sophomore year, he transferred from the University of Pittsburgh. Since then, he has been the financial officer of Seeds of Hope and been in the Big Brothers/ Big Sisters program. He is now the senior resident assistant in Bernet Hall. He is also the financial officer of the organization of resident assistants. Joey is currently an activities coordinator on the Manresa retreat team. In addition to being in CLC, Joey led a Senior Conversations Series. He is also a lector at St. Francis Chapel. Academically, he was a teaching assistant for organic chemistry in the fall of 2010.



Sam Barsa

Sam grew up in Parma, Ohio and is pursuing a psychology major with a sociology minor. As part of the first cohort of Arrupe Scholars, she helped coordinate Arrupe Community Day and assisted in the planning of the Fatima Food Drive and Arrupe Interview Day. She has served as the 2009-2010 president of Seeds of Hope and a student leader for the Streak Week service project. She was also a team leader for the 2008 Relay for Life. Sam is an active member of her home parish, St. Charles. Academically, she has retained the Presidential Honors Award and volunteered at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital for her practicum experience.



Amanda Papa

Amanda is a sociology major with a minor in political science. She has served in Student Union since freshman year, most recently serving as the 2010-2011 president. Currently, she is the senior resident assistant in Murphy Hall and works with the Organization of Resident Assistants. She was named Student Leader of the Year for 2009- 2010, and is an active member of CLC groups, the Honors Advisory Committee and the Alpha Sigma Nu Jesuit Honors Society. She is the vice president of the Gospel Choir and a co-leader of the Manresa 19 team. Additionally, Amanda has been on the Dean's List for six semesters and is in the Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honors Society.

THE JESUIT UNIVERSITY IN CLEVELAND

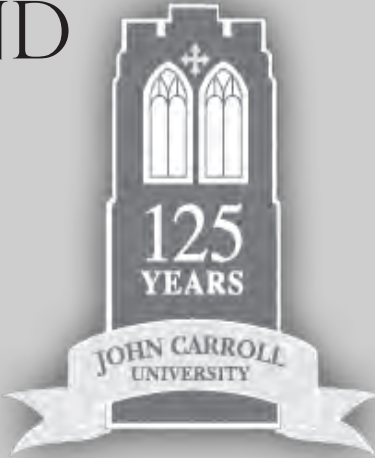
In celebration of John Carroll University's 125 years of existence, The Carroll News will highlight John Carroll firsts. The achievements outline the history of the University. They are our roots and are now pillars in our culture.

When prospective new students come to a campus for tours and visits with their families one of the first things they notice is the location and atmosphere of the university. For John Carroll University, the east side suburb of University Heights has the versatility of being near a big city, while also being located in a residential area.

For the past 80 years John Carroll University has called University Heights, (formerly known as Idlewood Village) its home. For the first 45 years of the school's history the institution was located on the west side at the present location of St. Ignatius High School. The switch across campus came in 1931. On July 5,

the start of construction of the current campus began with the laying of the cornerstone. The U.S. senator for Ohio at the time, Robert Bulkley, spoke and the Right Rev. Joseph Schrembs, Bishop of Cleveland also gave remarks at the event. Due to the Great Depression hitting Cleveland, the project was not finished until 1935. In the fall of 1935, the administration, and chemistry, physics and biology buildings were ready for classes to begin.

The completion of construction in 1935 solidified University Heights as the home of John Carroll University. For the past 80 years, as the city has developed so has the campus with the addition of residence halls and student activity areas.



– Compiled by
John Jackson

CAMPUS CALENDAR: MAR. 31- APR. 6													
31	Thursday	1	Friday	2	Saturday	3	Sunday	4	Monday	5	Tuesday	6	Wednesday
ROTC Blood Drive in the Murphy Room from 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.		JCU Idol will take place in the LSC Atrium from 9-11 p.m.		Murphy Formal at the Green Road Annex from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.		Final performance of "Medea" in Marinello Little Theatre at 2 p.m.		The start of Humans Vs. Zombies Week on campus.		Cardinal Suenens Spring Series in the Donahue Auditorium in the Dolan Science Center from 7:30 - 9 p.m.		Author Lee Smith will speak in the Donahue Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.	

'Where We Begin' a comfortable, quiet nostalgia

JCU '09 alum Sam Brenner releases first album on iTunes

Noah Lamprecht
Music Critic

It's been a long two years since Sam Brenner graduated from John Carroll in 2009. He hasn't exactly become a household name, but he's taken a step up from being the opening act at a spring concert.

Last week his newest release "Where We Begin" was made available on iTunes.

It's not too often we get to hear about recent Carroll graduates getting recognition in the music world.

It is certainly worth following Brenner's career progress, if only to keep tabs on somebody who went here.

That said, "Where We Begin" is in no way perfect, and you shouldn't expect it to be. Brenner's sound is very easy to identify, and he's comfortable staying within that niche.

If you're picking up his record you know what you're getting into: he likes Jack Johnson and John Mayer, and so do you.

He doesn't stray too far from the acoustic rock path on this record, and it would be wrong to expect him to.

All nine of the album's tracks fit rather securely in this established form.

He's aware of the sound he wants to end up with and doesn't try to be something he isn't.

While it's admirable that he doesn't stretch himself beyond his limits, it would still be interesting to see him reach past the slightly predictable pop that "Where We Begin" is rooted in.

It might be a bit of a leap, but based on this record I would guess that Brenner is missing John Carroll more than he is willing to admit. The biggest themes "Where We Begin" carries with it are all tied

directly to memories.

They range from upbeat and optimistic to outright regret. Again, there is not anything earth-shattering presented here, but it would be out of place if there were.

The genre and style in which Brenner operates dictate, to an extent, what themes he can and can't cover in his music. It isn't possible to address huge issues with four chords and a pop backtrack.

Instead Brenner sticks to what works: love and remembering, and, because he went here, applying the ideas he presents to JCU makes "Where We Begin" take a totally different turn.

Listening with this tongue-in-cheek method, the album paints Brenner to be a man forced to grow up and move on before he was ready to.

He doesn't want to get a job; he only wants to sign up for classes one last time.



Photo from Sam Brenner.

Brenner '09 released "Where We Begin" on March 23.

As pointless as forcing the album to be about this campus may be, there is still some merit to the idea. Brenner attended school here, he launched his music career here, and in some ways he is always going to

be tied to the school that put him on stage originally.

"Where We Begin" isn't going to revolutionize the music industry, but it is still a work that is inextricably tied directly to this campus.

Sam Brenner sits down with The Carroll News to discuss his album release and career goals.

The Carroll News: How long have you been involved in music, and did you believe you'd have an album at this time in your life?

Sam Brenner: I have been playing guitar since I was 12-years-old and writing my own songs since I was 16. I think at that time I never thought I'd have an album, but it's been my goal for the past two or three years.

CN: What was your major at JCU and did you use your time here to promote your music?

SB: Communications. [The one thing] John Carroll is good at is creating community. They do a great job of giving you opportunities to share what you want to spread. That was really nice about being at Carroll, people were very open to that kind of thing.

CN: Where does most of your inspiration for your lyrics come from?

SB: It [comes from] things I've personally experienced. I tend to think that a lot of us have commonalities that we can write on. [It also comes from] dreams, I daydream a lot!

CN: If you could describe your album in one word, what would it be and why?

SB: Optimistic, because I think that the album, if you listen to it, eight out of the nine songs are pretty catchy, optimistic songs. But I think optimistic also in it being the first record. There's a certain optimism in that I hope it gets me somewhere.

CN: Where do you hope to be in ten years with your music?

SB: I hope to have it be a career. I think that right now I'd define it as a hobby. I want to be traveling, touring and have as many people hear my music as possible. When I wake up in the morning, I want to be able to say I'm a musician.

— Interview by Jennifer Holton

Disturbing theme gives Zack Snyder film a deserving 'Sucker Punch'

FILM REVIEW "Sucker Punch"



Joe Marino
Film Critic

What Zack Snyder's "Sucker Punch" wants to be is an action-packed, Americanized version of Guillermo del Toro's "Pan's Labyrinth," the 2006 foreign fantasy film which garnered universal raves due to its bold imagination and daring storytelling.

What this new film ends up being is a disturbingly bleak, albeit visually spectacular, character study. The unbridled entertainment the movie ads promote is undermined by the uncomfortable and depressing darkness.

These characters live in a personal hell we find ourselves trapped in for two draining hours.

Our gloomy story starts with a girl we know only as Baby Doll (Emily Browning) – a short-skirted pigtailed blonde who seems to have jumped right out of an adult film – being sent to an insane asylum.

The reason? While trying to stop her sexually abusive father from abusing her younger sister,

Baby Doll accidentally murders her sister.

In the asylum, Baby Doll withdraws into her mind and lives out a majority of the movie in a dream-imitating-life reality of a burlesque brothel. In charge of the brothel are Mr. Blue (Oscar Isaac) and Madam Gorski (Carla Gugino). To survive, Babydoll learns to dance exotically for clients.

Her dancing secret is to delve even deeper in her mind into a world she can control.

We never see any of Baby Doll's spirited stripteases, as we are immediately transported into Baby Doll's mind as she has one of her controlled dreams.

These dreams are spiritual challenges given to her by an unnamed mentor (Scott Glenn), and include vivid scenes of killing dragons, aerial battles and fighting the undead.

But Baby Doll dreams of more than just imaginative freedom – she wants the real thing. So she plans to escape.

To do this, her mentor says she must find five items: a map, fire, a knife, a key and a mystery item she'll recognize when she sees it. Her journey for these items are mirrored in both realities.

Baby Doll's companions on this quest are Rocket (Jena Malone), Blondie (Vanessa Hudgens), Sweet Pea (Abbie Cornish) and

Amber (Jamie Chung).

A movie made up entirely of money shots, "Sucker Punch" is a big-budget art house experiment that attempts to manipulate the depth of its many scenes, cinematic landscape and symbolic imagery. It also proves that being visually ground-breaking doesn't mean a film is automatically worth seeing.

The plot and dialogue in the non-action scenes flow with useful – yet uninspired – efficiency.

The area I did find inspiring was the eye-popping visual genius. Here, we are watching a director virtually explode in all his glory, creating a chaotic mishmash of ground-breaking new worlds to explore.

These are the kinds of scenes that make me appreciate attending a theatrical release.

The plot itself is very much darker than many other comic interpretations (even Snyder's "Watchmen" and "300"), even to the point of having obvious moments of incest and attempted rape.

It's also a twisted fetish film masquerading as mainstream entertainment.

A competently and impressively directed fetish film to be sure,

but a fetish film nonetheless.

With strong female characters dressed in classic fetish uniforms, it's difficult to discern whether the film's theme is misogynistic or feminist.

Now some people will be perfectly content with the dazzling special effects. Others will have passionate hate for the depressing story and sterile characters. I agree with both sides, but I'm leaning more toward what I didn't like.

The film's beginning and ending are such cruel examples of gratuitous and hopeless abuse that it seems to be nothing more than tasteless attempts at bondage titillation.

I might have liked this movie more if the ending had made it all worth something.

Hope. Redemption. Peace.

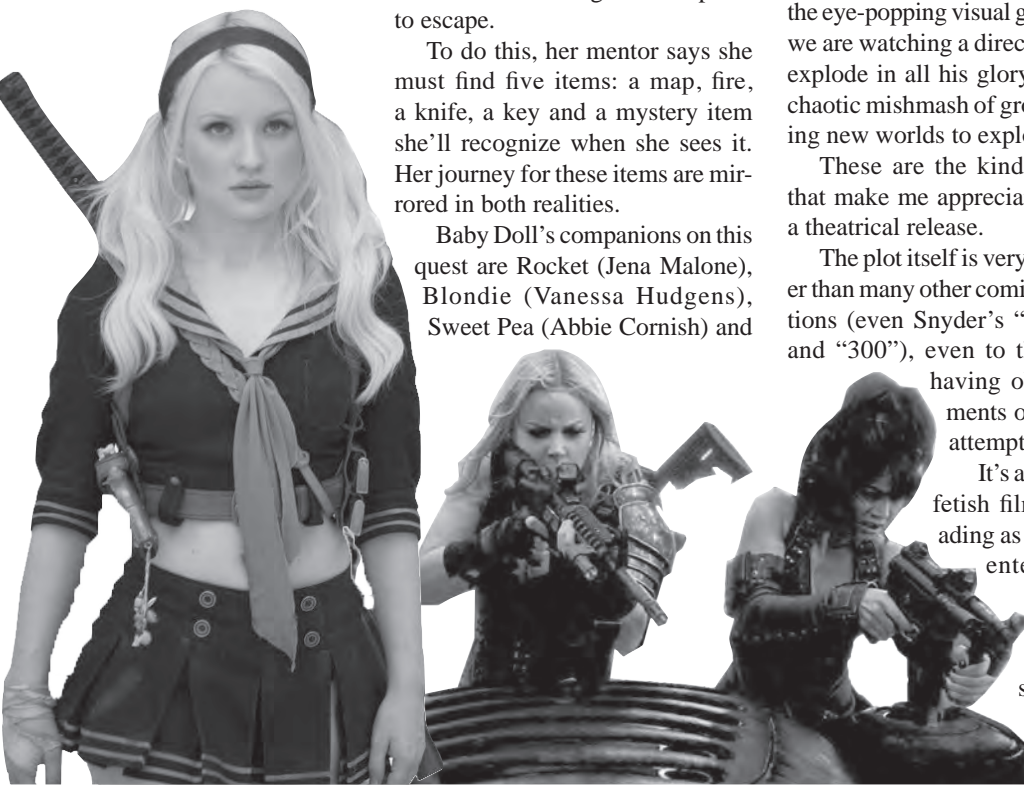
It kind of tries, but the ending chooses to be 'bold,' which makes this whole experience meaningless.

Apparently, Snyder was so hell-bent on creating a visually original spectacle that he forgot that we also want to be entertained.

Afterward, I couldn't stop myself from slumping in exhaustion.

Even though I love Snyder's direction and visuals, "Sucker Punch" shows far too much of a world I'm entirely uninterested in.

Ultimately, I really wish I hadn't seen it. I'd be much happier.



Photos from filmofilia.com.

Nagy, Simpson shine as Carroll performs ‘Medea’



Dale Armbruster
Staff Writer

As the saying goes, “Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.” If there was ever a woman that could make Hades himself run scared back to the underworld, it’s Medea of Greek mythology.

John Carroll University, under the direction of Karen Gygli, brought Medea and her thirst for vengeance to life on the stage this weekend at the Marinello Little Theatre.

Gygli leads a stellar cast of John Carroll students, headed by senior Taylor Nagy as Medea and junior Dan Simpson as Jason of the Argonauts.

The play opens with Medea lamenting the loss of her relationship with Jason, who has left her to marry the daughter of King Creon of Corinth.

In reaction to Jason’s decision, Creon decides that Medea must be banished from Corinth in order to protect himself and his soon to be son-in-law from harm’s way.

Much of the plot revolves around Medea’s deteriorating mental condition and her plans to repay Jason for his unfaithfulness in the worst



Simpson as Jason and Nagy as Medea in Euripides, “Medea.”

Photo from Keith Nagy.

ways possible.

The entire play takes place within the outer courtyard of Medea and Jason’s home, with visitors coming in and out.

While the play remains faithful to Euripides’ text, Gygli puts her own spin on the tale by placing the characters in the New Mexico desert in 1933. The result is nothing short of spectacular considering the sizable risks involved in moving a play’s setting.

According to Gygli, she chose the setting because Medea’s status as a foreigner in a distant land reminded her of the struggles

of those crossing the border and living in the Southwest today. Her ambition pays off, putting a new spin on the classic tale and freshening up the setting.

What will (rightly so) leave audiences talking as they leave the theater is the raw emotion of Nagy as the title character. She toes the line between vulnerability and cunning, never truly letting the audience know from which she acts.

In her final show as a Carroll student, Nagy gives a performance to remember that will resonate with audiences.

Also not to be overlooked is the performance of Nagy’s co-star, Simpson. As Jason, Simpson gives a swagger to the role necessary to play the epic hero (or in this play, the anti-hero).

He carries over the momentum from his lead role in “I Hate Hamlet” to play the perfect foil to Nagy’s Medea.

The chemistry between the pair is what Gygli credits as the main engine for the play and it’s hard to disagree.

“Medea” is a play that depends on the emotional connection between Medea and Jason, and Nagy and Simpson are able to create on-stage tension that finally overflows in the final climactic scene.

The chorus of Corinthian women, led by freshman Nicole Tischler, act as Medea’s conscience in a way as the action develops.

Sophomore Brendan Hancock and Junior Brian Devers appear as Aegeus and Creon, respectively. Freshman Joe Kenner provides a critical storytelling role late in the play that is vital for the audience’s understanding of the events off stage.

One of the more pleasant surprises of the play is the performances of the two youngest cast members, Graham and Sydney Ball. Both perform in the classic tradition of silent children but provide necessary comic relief at times.

“Medea” wraps up its run on April 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. and April 3 at 2 p.m. It is a must see for lovers of classic literature as well as those who love a twist on traditional plays.

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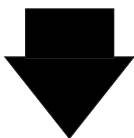
Entertainment Calendar

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3.31 The Books Beachland Ballroom 7:30 p.m. \$15-\$18	4.1 Guster House of Blues 7 p.m. \$24.50-\$35.50
4.1 Indians Opening Day Celebration House of Blues 11:30 a.m.	4.2 The Hold Steady Grog Shop 8 p.m. \$15-\$18
4.3 Griffin House Beachland Ballroom 7 p.m. \$12-\$14	4.5 Indians vs. Red Sox Progressive Field 7:05 p.m. \$5 (via JCU SUPB)

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Pick-Up Line of the Week



“I am a hunter, and it’s
YOU season.”

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Neon Trees sits down with The Carroll News

- Interview by Dan Cooney

The Carroll News: What’s your favorite song to play live?

Neon Trees: “Animal” is always a fun one to play live because it always goes over well. Or “Girls and Boys in School.”

CN: How long has Neon Trees been together?

NT: Since 2007. Our band originates from Provo, Utah. We’re from all around, and it’s what brings a lot of different interests and sounds to the band.

CN: What makes a good live show?

NT: The crowd has to be good. If there are frowning faces out there, it’s not fun. A good show is when everyone’s super healthy, too. Certain times it just fully clicks. Being in tune is always a part of a good show too.

CN: What others bands are you influenced by?

NT: The Smiths, Fleetwood Mac, Michael Jackson and basically the greatest hits from the ‘90s, ‘80s or ‘70s. We are influenced by artists who create songs that stay with people.

CN: What is the most important thing you guys have learned during your time together as a band?

NT: Patience. I think that just giving people the benefit of the doubt whether it’s within the band, or the crowd, the label or even the interviewer.

CN: What keeps you guys going?

NT: I think it’s nice to still have goals. I think the value of work ethic is great, along with staying busy and being grateful for what you have and working for more. We’ve done all of these things, yet there’s still a hunger inside of us.

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Tim's Turn



Tim Ertle
Sports Editor

NBA? No Thanks.

I'm still bitter LeBron James left Cleveland, but after watching the NCAA Tournament the past few weeks, I care less and less about his departure. Quite frankly, I had to be reminded early last week that James and the Miami Heat were coming to Cleveland.

I went to the Cavs/Heat game at Quicken Loans Arena on Tuesday night, and much of the night was scripted: Fans would mercilessly boo LeBron and he would go off (and he did, recording a triple-double). Somehow, someway, the Cavaliers found a way to win the game in what was the only surprise of the night.

I'm glad the Cavs won, but as we all know the wins are few and far between. Usually the results inside Quicken Loans Arena are about as predictable as the WWE matches that are hosted inside the same arena.

If you peek at the ESPN.com power rankings from the preseason and now, 22 weeks into the season, they look the same. Of the top 10 teams from late October, eight teams still remain.

Why play the regular season? I get that the playoffs are exciting and if I had a horse in the race, I'd watch each playoff game. Realistically, five or six teams have a shot at winning the title. If you aren't a fan of one of those teams, there is little point in tuning in to watch the two teams go back-and-forth for 46 minutes before pressing the 'on' button in the final two minutes to decide the outcome.

I don't even like hockey, but I find the Stanley Cup playoffs to be riveting. The pride and passion is obvious. I don't see that when I watch professional hoops.

College basketball is more my cup of tea. Butler and Virginia Commonwealth doing battle Saturday night for the chance to play for the national title? Sign me up. Nobody, except for two losers that filled out hundreds of brackets on ESPN.com, saw that coming.

I get that the NBA players are the best in the world. Players like J.J. Redick and Adam Morrison dominate college basketball and then fall off the face of the Earth when they start getting paychecks. I think it is, in many ways, a completely different game.

It's a better game. It's a team game. We heard a lot this week about "The Butler Way," which is a way of saying the right way. Play team defense, hustle and put the team first.

We've heard that the folks at CBS aren't happy that Butler and Virginia Commonwealth will meet in one semifinal Saturday night because they'll lose advertising dollars. Sorry for them, but I'm pumped.

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Baseball team ready for conference play

Jimmy Burry
Staff Reporter

It is said that youth springs eternal. No baseball team in the Ohio Athletic Conference wants that statement to hold water more than the John Carroll University Blue Streaks.

With five underclassmen starters, the Blue Streaks have less experience than any other team in the conference. Although they lost two games against conference opponents this weekend, it will not count against them in league play.

Two of those young players, freshman starters Bobby Peltz and Jimmy Spagna, pitched strong games in the Muskingum Invitational on Saturday. Peltz, a Dream Team selection from the state of Michigan in 2010, picked up his second win of the season against Montclair State University in the first contest.

Spearheaded by two homers off the bat of senior shortstop Johnny Hastings, the JCU offense knocked starter Paul Ciccazzo out of the game after an atrocious three innings in which he surrendered six earned runs.

Sophomore designated hitter Aaron Miller and senior left fielder Chris Larry also contributed three hits each, while combining to drive in three runs, in the 12-8 shootout victory over the Red Hawks.

The bats fell silent later in the day as JCU managed only five hits against conference foe Muskingum University.

With six innings pitched and only three earned runs, Spagna was credited with a quality start but was also docked with the loss. Neverthe-

less, improvement by the younger players is not lost on those who have been on the team for a while.

"I think the guys are starting to get comfortable in their roles," said Larry. "We are on the verge of putting wins together."

Despite the inclination toward freshmen and sophomores this season, the brunt of offensive productivity comes from the upperclassmen.

Third baseman Brian Benander led the squad with a .406 batting average last season, but went a pedestrian 2-12 over the weekend.

With a .415 career average, junior first baseman Tom Hickey may be the most dangerous hitter on the squad.

Already with an OAC batting title on his collegiate resume, the junior from Chicago remains a staple in the cleanup hole.

Then there is Hastings, a four-year starter with a .315 batting average who had a 17-game hitting streak snapped just a few games ago. All three are tops on the team in batting average so far this season.

But it was sophomore center fielder Joe Veltri who would step up as the primary offensive workhorse for the Blue Streaks against Otterbein University on Sunday as his two hits brought three runners across home plate.

Despite leading 7-2 through five and a half innings behind a strong outing by senior pitcher Tom Schaberl, the Blue Streaks slipped by allowing eight runs in the final five innings.

The Cardinals Scott Staarman ended the game when he hit a walk-off single in the bottom of the 10th



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

Senior third baseman Brian Benander (above) will be entering his fourth season experiencing the rigors of OAC competition.

inning as Veltri and sophomore left fielder Conor Marerro collided on a shallow fly ball that would have prohibited the runner on third base from scoring.

The loss dropped John Carroll to 6-8 overall as they head into conference play.

"Guys are starting to settle in but it doesn't translate into wins which is frustrating considering we have been in position to win games," said Hastings. "Now we need to turn the corner and get over the hump. I am confident we can do it."

They can start doing that Saturday when they head back to Westerville, Ohio to open OAC competition with Otterbein.

In the big scheme of things, Sunday's loss to the Cardinals doesn't matter a whole lot as it was scheduled so the Blue Streaks could have another game. Both games Saturday will matter in the conference standings.

JCU will then host their next five games at Schweickert Field, including a doubleheader on Tuesday with Heidelberg University, last year's national runner-up and currently ranked second in the nation by D3Baseball.com.

JCU also hosts a doubleheader with Baldwin-Wallace College Friday, April 9 before a single game with Case Western Reserve University on April 12.

Softball sweeps non-conference foe Ohio Wesleyan

Re-match of 2010 OAC Championship with Ohio Northern postponed

Zach Mentz
Assistant Sports Editor

The John Carroll University softball team took care of business last week as they swept non-conference foe Ohio Wesleyan University on the road in Delaware, Ohio last Friday.

The twin-bill ended a 13-day layoff as the Blue Streaks last competed in Florida during their spring trip on March 12.

The first game of the doubleheader between the defending conference champion Blue Streaks and the Ohio Wesleyan Battling Bishops turned out to be a pitching duel.

Luckily for the Blue Streaks, they had an all-conference performer in junior Brittany Danilov on their side. She pitched a dominant game as she went the distance without surrendering a single run to the lineup from OWU.

The biggest play of the game came when junior Olivia Mathews hit a two-run homer in the top of the third inning, giving JCU just enough of a cushion.

Danilov coasted through the rest of the game with a small lead and guided the Blue Streaks to a 2-0 win.

The second game of the double-



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

Junior Brittany Danilov (above) can play some shortstop and use the bat, but it's her pitching ability that makes her an OAC star.

header was the exact opposite of the first as it turned out to be a high scoring affair. The two teams combined for 28 hits in game two.

The Blue Streaks scored at least one run in every inning except for the second and came away with a 9-4 victory. JCU capitalized on their opportunities as they only left five runners on base during the

game while amassing 16 hits in the victory.

With the sweep over OWU, the Blue Streaks are off to an impressive start as they have begun their season with an overall record of 9-3.

"We worked extremely hard during the preseason in order to prepare ourselves for this season against a tough conference," said freshman

infielder Samantha Becker, who contributed two hits and scored a run in the second game against OWU. "Our coaches have pushed us to our limits to get us where we are now, and they will continue to keep pushing us so we can get to where we want to be."

The Blue Streaks also had a doubleheader scheduled at the Diamond at Dix Stadium on March 26 on the campus of Kent State University against Ohio Northern University, but the games were postponed due to poor weather.

The games will be rescheduled, but a make-up date has not been announced.

Fans can check www.jcusports.com for an announcement.

Last year, the Blue Streaks defeated ONU in the Ohio Athletic Conference championship game, stunning the then-fourth ranked Polar Bears.

While the rescheduling of the doubleheader between JCU and ONU is yet to be announced, the Blue Streaks will be ready to play when the opportunity arises.

"ONU has a good program and is always a contender in the OAC," said Becker. "I'm excited to play them and I know the rest of the team is too."

Blue Streak athletics weekend round-up: March 23-27

Molly Bealin
The Carroll News

Swimming and diving

Four members of JCU’s men’s swimming and diving team earned their way all the way to the 2011 NCAA Division III National Championships in Knoxville, Tenn.

Juniors Jimmy Ranallo, Brennan Schloendorn, Alex Vereshchagin and freshman Nick Holvey competed in a total of six events at the championships.

Starting things off last Wednesday, Schloendorn set a school record in the 50 Free, finishing with a time of 20.79 seconds to tie him for 17th place out of 47 competitors. Vereshchagin placed 28th in the 50 Free with a time of 20.95 seconds.

“It felt great when we made it to nationals,” said Schloendorn. “I know the other three guys on the relay had been training hard and had hopes of making it here this year. I was ecstatic to be able to be part of the team.”

The team of four finished in 24th place out of 27 quartets in the 200 medley relay with a time of 1:37.57.

The following day, they finished 23rd out of 26 teams in the 200 free relay and the 800 free relay with times of 1:25.26 and 6:59.45, respectively.

On the final day of the competition, in the 100 Free, Vereshchagin swam a time of 45.98 seconds for 25th and Schloendorn in 46.09 seconds to tie for 28th place out of 43 participants.

Men’s tennis

Men’s tennis suffered a 9-0 setback to the nationally-ranked Case Western Reserve University Spar-



Photo courtesy of JCU Sports Information Dept.

Junior Alex Vereshchagin (above) represented JCU at the NCAA Division III National Championships last weekend in Tennessee.

tans last Saturday at the Cleveland Skating Club.

The Spartans were ranked No. 21 in the latest Intercollegiate Tennis Association Top 25 poll, which was released on March 17.

Freshman Matthieu Menard and senior Chad Ruehs both fought hard in singles play, but were denied victory in defeats of 6-1, 7-5 and 6-2, 8-5 respectively.

In doubles play, despite their best efforts, JCU fell short with scores of 8-5 by sophomore Ryan Mulaney and Ruehs who were going up against John Healey and Nicolas Howe, the fourth-ranked doubles team in the region by the ITA.

The Blue Streaks also suffered narrow defeats in doubles play including an 8-4 effort from Menard and sophomore Rico Certo, and 8-5 by junior Michael Hulseman and freshman Hunter Pellegrini.

With the loss, the Blue Streaks’ record on the season drops to 4-6 overall while Case Western Reserve improved their record to 6-6, although their record is deceiving because CWR has played against Division I competition.

Women’s tennis

After a hard-fought competition against Ohio Northern University,

JCU’s women’s tennis team fell short in a 5-4 defeat to the Polar Bears.

Victories for the Blue Streaks came in doubles play from juniors Cassie Simmelink and Maria Ciccolini. Those two also won individually in singles play, where both won in straight sets.

The team’s other point came from senior Athena Pappis who outlasted Christie Gale by a score of 6-2, 2-6 and 6-4.

The Blue Streaks fell to 2-9 overall, while ONU improved to 8-5.

Men’s track and field

JCU’s men’s outdoor track and field team finished strong at the Wheeling Jesuit Invitational, taking ninth place in the 23-team field.

Sophomore Anthony Colbert finished 18th of 48 participants in the 200 meter dash, while sophomore Bill Zaccardelli finished fifth in the 400. They were both members of the 4 x 400 meter relay team along with seniors David Hickey and Denny Love, finishing fourth.

Hickey also finished fourth in the 400 meter hurdles. Senior Bryan Wideman finished fourth in the long jump and fifth in triple jump. Senior Lou Galiano took second in the shot put to add to JCU’s earnings.

“I believe one thing we need to work on as a team is the will to compete, the drive to beat someone who might be ahead of you,” said Hickey. “With some more experience, I have no doubt we will give the Ohio Athletic Conference a run for their money.”

Women’s track and field

JCU’s women’s outdoor track and field team finished in 20th place out of 23 teams this past weekend at

the Wheeling Jesuit Invitational.

Standouts for the Blue Streaks included sophomore Maureen Creighton who finished 26th out of 52 participants in the 100 meter dash, and also finished 11th out of 46 runners in the 200 meter dash.

Other outstanding performances came from sophomore Maribeth Keppler who finished 18th in the 400 meter dash. In the 800 meter run, freshman Gab Kreuz finished 14th, junior Andrea Brown finished 19th, freshman Taylor Whisler finished 20th and freshman Anna Busta finished 21st out of 59 runners.

Busta and Whisler also did well in the 1500 meter run, placing 17th and 26th, respectively.

“We did have one outstanding performance in particular from sophomore Katherine Spillman who came close to breaking 19:00 in the 5K and who also led her heat from the very start to the finish of the race,” said junior Andrea Brown.

Spillman finished in 13th place in a field of 32 in the 5K race. She came close to breaking the 19-minute mark, but just barely missed it with a time of 19:08.81.

Women’s golf

The women’s golf team got their spring season underway with a sixth place finish in the nine-team University of Mount Union Invitational, held at Tannenhaut Golf Club in Alliance, Ohio.

The Yellow Jackets from Baldwin-Wallace College won the two-day event with a score of 679, while Ohio Athletic Conference foes Otterbein University and the host Purple Raiders also finished ahead of JCU.

Sophomore Jackie Leuby was the top golfer for JCU, placing 15th.

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STREAKS OF THE WEEK

JCU



Baseball

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Johnny Hastings
senior

The senior shortstop clubbed a pair of homers against Montclair State to record the first multi-homer game of his career. In JCU’s lone win of the weekend, he was 3-5 with four RBI.



Track

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Maureen Creighton
sophomore

Creighton took 11th at the Bill Van Horne Invitational – the best finish by a Blue Streak all day – in the 200 meter dash. Additionally, she was 26th in the 100 meter dash.



Tennis

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Maria Ciccolini
junior

Ciccolini was victorious at first singles with a 7-6, 6-2 victory over Ohio Northern’s Michelle Tuma. She then teamed with junior Cassie Simmelink to win, 8-3, at first doubles.



Track

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Bryan Wideman
senior

He finished fourth in the long jump and fifth in the triple jump at the Wheeling Jesuit Bill Van Horne Invitational. The long jump had 34 participants, and the triple jump featured 20 athletes.



Softball

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Olivia Mathews
junior

Mathews provided Brittany Danilov and the Blue Streaks with all the offense they needed when she drilled a two-run homer in JCU’s 2-0 non-conference win over Ohio Wesleyan University.

WORLD WIDE WEB



Sean Webster
World News Editor

Where is our Day of Rage?

This is my 43rd and final column for The Carroll News. Next week, the World News section will be in the hands of Michael Reiser, and I'm confident that he'll do an outstanding job.

At the same time, however, I'm reluctant to give up the reins just yet.

This country has some rough days ahead of it. Youth unemployment was the ticking time bomb that sparked the protests in the Middle East and toppled dictators in Tunisia and Egypt, where youth unemployment rates were 30 percent and 25 percent, respectively.

However, youth unemployment is also a severe problem in the United States. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the official unemployment rate for workers ages 16 to 24 is 21 percent, and some two million college graduates are unemployed.

But could a developed and democratic country like the United States experience the same type of unrest as the authoritarian governments of the Middle East?

Absolutely yes, just ask Great Britain. Over the weekend, some 250,000 Britons took to the streets in London to protest deep spending cuts in health care, education and other social programs – the same kind of cuts that are being debated and made at the federal and state levels in this country.

In addition to these cuts, the rights of middle class workers – including teachers, university professors, firefighters, police officers and nurses – are coming under attack in states like Wisconsin and Ohio.

Meanwhile, the richest one percent of Americans own almost a quarter of the nation's wealth. The health insurance industry is making billions off our illnesses. Oil companies are making billions with disregard to the environment. And the financial sector, which was at the heart of the global economic crisis, is once again experiencing record-breaking profits.

So why haven't U.S. students organized massive protests like those in the UK and Middle East? The answer is, they have – but not with the organization and scale of those in other countries ... yet.

However, the federal government has so far been unable to agree on a budget, with Republicans pushing for deeper cuts than Obama and the Democrats will allow. But if they can't compromise on a budget by April 8, the government will effectively shutdown.

If that happens – or if the Democrats agree to deeper cuts that further affect the middle class – it might be just enough to spark the "Day of Rage" that so many other countries in the Middle East and Europe have experienced.

But perhaps that is exactly what this country needs to get it back on track, and to remind the country's political leaders that it's the middle class that is the heart and soul of this nation.

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World Briefing



1. Protests in London over budget cuts

More than 250,000 people took to London's streets to protest the toughest spending cuts since World War II, creating one of the largest demonstrations since the Iraq war, as riot police clashed with protesters. More than 200 people were arrested. Although most of the demonstration was peaceful, clashes continued into the night as dozens of protesters pelted officers with bottles and ammonia-filled light bulbs. Groups also set several fires and smashed shop windows near tourist landmarks. Teachers, nurses, firefighters, public sector workers, students, pensioners and campaign groups all took part in the demonstration. Britain is facing \$130 billion of public spending cuts from Prime Minister David Cameron's coalition government as it struggles to slash the country's deficit. The government has already raised sales tax, but Britons are bracing for big cuts to public spending that are expected next month. (Huffington Post)



2. Obama defends Libya intervention

President Barack Obama delivered a broad defense Monday of his decision to intervene in Libya, arguing that the United States has a strategic interest in preventing the killing of civilians around the world, and that it must do so in partnership with other nations. Obama used his first televised address since military operations began in Libya to outline a moral rationale for intervention in civil conflicts such as the push underway to topple Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi. Facing accusations that he has not explained the United States' interest in Libya's war, Obama said the nation had a responsibility to prevent a mass killing after Gadhafi pledged to carry out a brutal reprisal campaign against civilians in rebel-held territory. He emphasized that the mission was undertaken with the United States' closest allies, and that command of the military operation will be transferred to NATO on Wednesday. (The Washington Post)



3. Israel deploys Iron Dome defense system

Israel has deployed a cutting-edge rocket defense system to try to halt a recent surge in attacks from the neighboring Gaza Strip. The Iron Dome system just north of Beersheba, a southern city twice hit by rockets during this month's flare-up of cross-border violence, will provide increased security to Israelis. However, officials warned that the homegrown system will not do the job alone. Primitive rockets – often fired by groups including Hamas, which controls Gaza – have evaded Israel's high-tech weaponry, in part because their short flight path, just a few seconds, makes them hard to track. If the system determines the rocket is headed to an open area where casualties are unlikely, it can allow the weapon to explode on the ground. The military said a second anti-missile battery will be deployed in another large southern city, Ashdod, without specifying a date. Officials refused to say how many batteries would be deployed altogether, what their range was, or how much the system would cost. (Al Jazeera)



4. Israel passes citizenship law

Israel's parliament has passed a law that allows courts to revoke the citizenship of anyone convicted of spying, treason or aiding its enemies. The bill, which was passed by 37 votes to 11 in the Knesset, was sponsored by Foreign Minister Avigdor Lieberman's hardline Yisrael Beiteinu Party. But critics say it is discriminatory toward Israel's Arab minority, which makes up a fifth of the population. The Association for Civil Rights in Israel said the bill showed politicians had "lost sight of a basic concept in democracy ... that citizenship is neither a privilege nor a prize but rather a protected right." According to the Haaretz newspaper, only people with dual citizenship could be stripped of their Israeli citizenship. The courts would also be able to revoke the permanent residency of anyone found guilty of assisting a terrorist organization. This could affect Palestinian residents of occupied East Jerusalem. (BBC)



5. Wal-Mart accused of discrimination

Female workers suing retail giant Wal-Mart Stores for workplace discrimination faced an uphill battle at the Supreme Court on Tuesday in their efforts to proceed in a massive class-action lawsuit. At issue is whether as many as 1.6 million current and former female Wal-Mart employees can make a unified claim of systemic discrimination, which they say has occurred over the past decade, at least. The plaintiffs allege that women were paid less than, and were given fewer opportunities for promotion than, their male counterparts. They seek back pay and punitive damages against the world's largest retailer. The case is among the most important dealing with corporate versus worker rights that the justices have ever heard, and their ruling – expected by late June – could eventually impact nearly every private employer, large and small. (CNN)

Once unshakable, Syria rocked by protests



Anti-Syrian government protesters shout slogans as they protest after Friday prayers in Damascus, Syria, on March 25.

Samie Zreik Farhat
Staff Reporter

The unprecedented wave of protests in Syria have violently continued and spread across the country for a second week.

Syria's importance to the Middle East is vital. They are supporters of Iran, Hamas and Hezbollah, all condemned by the United States. They are still openly at war with Israel, although conflict has not been seen between the two in decades, and constantly use anti-Israeli rhetoric, which pleases the citizens of Syria.

The protests, which began March

15 as a peaceful call for reforms and the release of political prisoners in several cities, towns and villages in the Arab nation, have turned into a violent struggle between anti-government demonstrators and pro-government security forces. Government officials put the death toll in the southern city of Daraa at around 60.

However, many human rights groups have estimated a death toll of over 100 following clashes, which included tear gas, snipers shooting at protesters from rooftops and a raid of a mosque, which also served as a shelter and hospital after government personnel blocked

entry to the National Hospital in Daraa.

The largest, and most violent, protests have been in Daraa and the western port city of Latakia. Residents of Daraa have vehemently protested for the release of 15 children who were arrested and tortured for spray painting an anti-government slogan on a wall.

Along with the release of political prisoners, cities across Syria have also called on President Bashar al-Assad to end Emergency Law, which has been in place since the Ba'ath Party takeover in 1963.

Emergency Law strips citizens of their constitutional rights, bans

protests, and allows the people to be arrested and tortured without warrant and charged with petty crimes such as "weakening country morale."

The government did announce on Sunday that they would be ending Emergency Law, and replacing it with an "anti-terrorism law."

Despite this concession, no timetable was given as to when this cancellation of Emergency Law would take place. Along with the end of Emergency Law, the government has met some of the protesters' demands and released several political prisoners. With the protests continuing, the government made another concession: the resignation of the Syrian cabinet. However, while this may seem like a major development, many pro-reformers are not impressed.

"It means nothing. They have little influence anyways. People forgot we even had a cabinet – it's all for show," said a Syrian expatriate living in Cleveland, who asked to remain anonymous for safety reasons.

With their demands not met, the protesters have kept to the streets. The western port city of Latakia held solidarity marches in support of the people in Daraa. Much like Daraa, protesters in Latakia were met with an iron fist; snipers on roofs, water canons, knives, live ammunition, tear gas, and large-scale arrests.

"We've gone to sleep to the sound of gunfire and sirens the past few days," said a 20-year-old university student and Latakia resident who also asked to remain anonymous for fear of reprisals.

"There was a major gunfight in my neighborhood a couple days ago, and anyone who leaves the house is being shot at from roofs," she said.

What distinguishes Latakia from many cities in Syria is the number of religious minorities in the area. There are a large number of Christians and Alawites – a sect of Shia Islam – among the Sunni majority. President Assad and many members of the army and government themselves are Alawites.

"People think that protests in this city are religiously oriented. It has nothing to do with that. My Alawite friends are protesting just as much as my Sunni friends. I knew an Alawite that was shot in the head by a sniper on Saturday," said Adel, a pharmacy student at Tishreen University in Latakia, who only gave his first name, also out of safety concerns.

"Whether Alawite, Christian, or Sunni, we are all together. We are all Syrians," he said.

With journalists not granted visas to cover the unfolding events, people outside Syria have taken to YouTube to formulate their opinion of the unfolding events. People inside Syria have formulated their opinions based on the coverage by the government-run Syrian News Agency, SANA.

"Don't believe what the foreign news stations are saying. It's wrong. Watch the Syrian channels, they will tell you the truth. The people causing all of this trouble are foreign terrorists. They have a plan to bring down Syria," said Muhammad, a banker from Damascus, who also only gave his first name out of safety concerns.

Yemen political chaos continues, U.S. remains cautious in making decision on what to do

Sam Lane
The Carroll News

As the epidemic of revolution spreads across the Arab world, Yemen finds itself the next victim.

Political turmoil and disputes between radicals and non-radicals alike are splintering the Arab nation.

Much of the initial and primary focus has been centered on President Abdullah Saleh.

In office since 1978, President Saleh has found himself a victim of the anti-dictator movement. Sensing the massive wave of unpopularity, Saleh put up a brief resistance before agreeing to step down at the end of his term.

President Saleh's issues are minimal in the tumultuous politics of Yemen. While the desire of the rebellious freedom is backed by the United States in countries such as Egypt and Libya, Yemen requires a different approach.

The society of Yemen represents one that is dominated primarily by culturally outdated customs, as understood by much of the Western world.

The country's citizens remain relatively tribal and uneducated, frequently engaging in civil warfare that began roughly 50 years ago. These Civil Wars have stemmed primarily from opposing political factions in Northern and Southern Yemen.

President Obama may want to redirect his Middle Eastern focus. With the tribal violence occurring as a result of political unrest, Yemen appears to be strikingly similar to Afghanistan.

Following Soviet withdrawal, Afghanistan was plunged into a violent civil war.

Eventually, the Taliban government prevailed and took over, providing a safe haven for al-Qaida. Seeking to repeat history, Osama Bin Laden's terrorist organization has embedded its way in the Yemeni turmoil.

This should not necessarily come as old news for the United States.

Al Qaida has had a foot in Yemen for some time.

Before al-Qaida carried out the Sept. 11 attacks, its members successfully bombed the U.S.S. Cole, stationed in Yemen.

The United States' timing may be a decade late, but it is better to get involved in the political unrest now, rather than continuing to stall.

Saleh has worked closely with the U.S. in the past against the Yemeni al-Qaida branch.

While President Obama seeks to assist those fighting oppressive governments, he may also want to extinguish the hive of radical instigators.

Recently, Yemeni forces have abandoned their posts across the country as

demonstrators have made their feelings known to the Saleh. In the southern city of Jaar, a well-known al-Qaida haven, protesters have taken over all government buildings.

Armed protesters also took over a factory that produces arms, explosives and ammunitions.

On Monday, an explosion rocked the factory killing at least 110 of the looters.

Last weekend, in a speech to a crowd of thousands of supporters, Saleh told them that he was willing to concede power, but only if it were placed into "safe hands."

The next day, he reneged on his assertion, clouding any time frame for his departure.

"A presidential source denied on Saturday what have been reported by some media outlets that President Ali Abdullah Saleh will step down," a statement released from a Yemen news agency said.

Approximately a month ago, the opposition coalition, Joint Meetings Party, came to an agreement with Saleh regarding a peaceful transition of power, which he in turn agreed to.

Now the coalition has scrapped that deal, calling for his imminent departure from the presidency. Saleh has claimed he is the only alternative to al-Qaida-led chaos.

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World News Poll

Do you approve of the U.S. military strikes on Libya?

Disapprove

45% (5 votes)

Approve

36% (4 votes)

Not sure/No opinion

19% (2 votes)

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Should the U.S. arm Libyan rebels?

Go online at www.jcunews.com to vote in the poll, and check out the next issue to see the results.

WORD FOR WORD

"Here I am without a wife and daughter and arm. What can I do and where can I go?"

– Samir Mahmoud, a Kurdish Iraqi whose wife and five-hour-old daughter were killed in a terrorist attack outside a hospital in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk. (The New York Times)

"I'm not ruling it out, but I'm not ruling it in."

– President Barack Obama on whether the U.S. will arm Libyan rebels. (CNN)

– Compiled by Sean Webster

THE REISER'S EDGE



Michael Reiser
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What rough beast slouches toward U.S.?

Imagine a modern day Abraham Lincoln, arguably the greatest president in American history, running for president in 2012 under the Republican ticket. Even for the hardcore liberal, this sounds pretty appetizing. In fact, I think he would win an election facing any other American historical figure, past or present.

Now imagine a candidate of his stature, his majesty with the unconditional support of the American people, telling the press that he believes that he sees America becoming “a secular atheist country, potentially one dominated by radical Islamists and with no understanding of what it once meant to be an American.” All that cheering would turn to crickets before you could say “U.S.A.” Well, that’s what former Speaker of the House and presidential hopeful for 2012, Newt Gingrich, told a church in Texas earlier this week.

Now hold that thought. For some time now, my friend Marcus and I have been trying to plan a road trip across America, filming a documentary painting an accurate portrait of American life, proving to the world that America is more moderate than pictured. We want to show the fictitiousness behind the supposed polarization of red and blue states, of progressives and conservatives. We believe this separation to be a creation of the media, who cooked up these metaphorical gladiators to fight to the death for the enjoyment and excitement of their viewers, and confusing many who consume their poisoned product.

Gingrich, or at least the image he is projecting, represents what I believe to be that small faction of America, further polarizing American politics. The moderate America (the largest faction) is not being heard, and it’s because of their quiet, reserved voices.

William Butler Yeats, the great Irish poet, warns in his iconic poem, “The Second Coming”, “things fall apart” when “the best lack all conviction, while the worst are full of passionate intensity.”

The bloodshed that is American politics is capable of being stopped, if and only if the moderate American (the best that lack all conviction) is willing to have their voice heard. We’re not all Red Republicans and Blue Democrats (the worst full of passionate intensity). Moderate America needs to take the reins of this great country, and truly remind us what it once meant to be an American.

Old Abe would be rolling in his grave after learning what has happened to the country that he worked so hard for and even gave his life to unite again after the Civil War.

George Washington would be equally upset. He warned political parties “may now and then answer popular ends, they are likely in the course of time and things, to become potent engines, by which cunning, ambitious, and unprincipled men will be enabled to subvert the power of the people and to usurp for themselves the reins of government.” I mean, America’s first president knew what he was talking about, right?

In their plight to vault themselves into political power, politicians have sacrificed American unity. This needs to stop in order to save this great country of ours.

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Libyan rebels aided by no-fly zone

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Ever since coalition bombs starting falling on forces loyal to Muammar Gadhafi, the loyalists have been retreating.

The U.S.-supported rebels, who had been pushed right up to their capital of Benghazi, seized the opportunity and swiftly advanced westward. Such was the initial effect of the U.S., Britain and France-led offensive on Gadhafi troops in Libya.

But in the resilient, never-say-die attitude exemplified by Gadhafi, his soldiers have now checked the rebels’ Tripoli-bound advance and pushed them back from two key towns, Surt and Bin Jawad.

The former is especially strategic for Gadhafi because its capture would provide the rebels with a direct route into Tripoli, the only Gaddafi stronghold that is yet to come under rebel attack.

The UN resolution authorizing the coalition’s intervention advocated a limited humanitarian aim by endorsing the “use of all necessary means to protect civilians.”

How accurate the now NATO-led coalition forces are sticking to that aim depends on one’s interpretation of the resolution.

The coalition forces have employed an expansive interpretation that has led the offensive to evolve from its initial identity.

From striking Gadhafi’s military command stations to destroying his tankers, the coalition planes are almost acting as the rebel’s air force currently.

This was evident when the pro-Gadhafi forces successfully halted and counter-attacked the rebels for the first time in almost a fortnight and marched eastward to Ras Lanuf.

Their cause was aided by the conspicuous absence of the coalition’s missiles that had pounded their fold repeatedly in previous days.

While it is yet to be explicitly stated that the coalition forces will see to the ousting of Gadhafi, their actions strongly suggest that an operation with such an inclination is already underway through informational warfare.

Using revolutionary military technology,



AP

Libyan rebels, aided by coalition air strikes, pass an oil refinery after winning a key battle this weekend in eastern Libya.

coalition planes have been conducting psychological operations to try to break loyalists’ will to fight by broadcasting messages in Arabic and English, telling Libyan soldiers and sailors to defy Gadhafi’s orders.

Meanwhile, the multilateral cooperation that has seen nations and organizations speak with one voice on Libya was evident again in London as a meeting of forty nations, NATO and the U.N. agreed that Gadhafi must relinquish his power.

It was a boost to the coalition operations that Arab states, like Qatar, endorsed the ousting of Gadhafi and even sent artillery and personnel as part of the offensive against him. Russia provided a dissenting opinion, as it has throughout the Libyan clashes.

The international community is mapping a Libyan future without Gadhafi and the presence of a representative of the rebels at the

London conference attests to that.

Numerous diplomats are reaching out to Gadhafi loyalists to either defect from the Gadhafi camp or negotiate the terms on which he will leave office.

Such terms, should they ever be agreed upon—Gadhafi has promised to fight until he dies—would most likely include the coalition forces seeing to his safe exile from Libya to a country that does not subscribe to the International Criminal Court’s jurisdiction.

The court wants Gadhafi to be prosecuted for crimes against humanity.

As the control of Libyan cities repeatedly changes from loyalists to rebels and vice versa, the world waits to see if the leadership of the country will ever leave Gadhafi’s hands.

It has been there for forty-two years and counting.

On road to democracy, not all Egyptian voices are heard

Poula (Paul) Hanna
The Carroll News

After Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak was forced to resign on Feb. 11, the military suspended the constitution and appointed a legal committee headed by top legal adviser and judge, Tarkek El-Bishri, with the task of amending the constitution.

After 10 days of deliberation, the eight member committee announced the proposed changes that will set the stage for parliamentary and presidential elections later this year.

The amended articles eased restrictions on who can run for president, ensured full judicial monitoring of all elections, and limited the number of the presidential terms to two four-year terms.

In the past, the constitution did not set a limit on how many terms a president can serve, which explains how Mubarak stayed in power for thirty years.

Article seventy-five of the constitution was amended to guarantee that the president must be born to Egyptian parents and grandparents, and the candidate’s wife cannot be of foreign origin. As a result, women are excluded by default. This was one of the main reasons why women opposed the referendum.

Previously, the constitution did not include any restrictions on who the president’s wife can or cannot be (Mubarak’s wife was half Welsh). Article 139 now guarantees that the president will appoint a vice president within the first 60 days of being in office.

Mubarak served five terms without ap-

pointing a deputy.

In the weeks leading up to the election on the referendum, Egyptians organized campaigns debating their stance in an attempt to influence public opinion.

The majority of Christians, who make up roughly 10 percent of the population, opposed the referendum fearing it would open the door for Islamic groups to rise to power.

“I fear the Islamists because they speak in civil slogans that have a religious context, like when one said he believed in a civil Egypt but at the same time no woman or Coptic Christian should run for president,” Samuel Wahba, a Coptic doctor, told Reuters.

Article two of the constitution says that Islam is the religion of the state and Islamic jurisprudence is the main source of legislation, therefore, presenting Christians with reasonable doubt regarding the true intentions of Islamic groups.

Christians want to see article two abolished and this has been a point of contention between Christians and Muslims in the weeks leading up to the referendum.

After the revolution, Islamic groups such as the Muslim Brotherhood resurfaced and are now legally and actively participating in Egyptian politics. The Brotherhood was one of the main supporters of the amendments as they were one of the two organized factions ready to move forward.

Now, there is a fear, not only among western states, but among Egyptians as well that these groups will hijack the revolution and

change the future of a democratic Egypt.

Two presidential hopefuls Amr Moussa, current secretary general of the Arab League and Mohammed El-Baradei, ex-director general of the International Atomic Energy Agency opposed the referendum believing more time was needed for other political parties to form and respond to the needs of the revolution.

Both candidates also believe the constitution lost its legitimacy when Mubarak resigned.

Therefore, it can not be amended. However, those in support of the referendum argued that it would restore Egypt’s security and stability.

On March 19, elections were held to allow the public to either accept or reject the amendments.

Despite the Muslim Brotherhood and Mubarak’s National Democratic Party are the only two parties organized enough to capitalize on the rapid re-birth of Egyptian politics, the amendments passed with 77 percent of the vote.

Though the referendum marked the first free and fair election in the post-Mubarak era; only 41 percent of eligible voters casted their vote.

However, by Egyptian standards this was a high voter turnout.

In prior elections, approximately 19 percent of eligible voters voted. With the passing of the amendments, it’s possible Egypt may have a new president by the end of the year.

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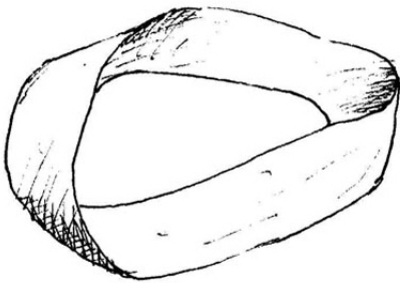
Unscramble the jumbles to form words. Now unjumble the circled letters to form a word described by the clue.

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CLUE: He did this when he made his second lap on his bicycle.

Answer here: " " " " " " " " " "

Last Week: RESIDE, QUEST, HORSE, SAUNA, ECUADOR

This Day in History

History is a continuous process, one that we are involved in, even when we are unaware of it. It is an unending narrative and this perhaps why it is something so intrinsically beautiful. It is a story that never ends, a major novel being constantly written. With each passing day, our world changes and, indeed, with each day we change. This is what history is all about and it was on this day in history (March 31) that:

- 1) In 1492, the Alhambra decree was proclaimed by Queen Isabella of Castille, effectively expelling all Jews from the Kingdom of Spain.
- 2) In 1889, the Eiffel Tower was officially inaugurated in Paris.
- 3) In 1918, Daylight Saving Time (DST) was observed in the United States for the very first time.
- 4) In 1991, the former Soviet republic of Georgia voted on its independence in a nationwide referendum. In the end, 99.5 percent of voters favored secession from the USSR.

-Compiled by Pietro Shakarian

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Answer the Question

Approximately how many 12 ounce Pepsi cans would it take if Lucas wanted to recycle 20 pounds of aluminum?

Last week: How many "February 29th's" have occurred between January 1, 1601 and March 24, 2011?

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Guess this week's word search theme and YOU can pick next week's!

Answer: _____

Name: _____

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Word Search

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The first five people to submit a correct sudoku solution will be mentioned in next week’s CN!

Name That Toon!

The following picture relates to a popular song. The first person to submit the correct answer will get his/her name and picture in the next CN! Just fill in your guess along with your name and e-mail then drop off your submission at the CN office to win!

LAST ISSUE’S WINNER



Spencer German

Last issue’s Toon:
“Friday”
by Rebecca Black

WHAT THE TOON
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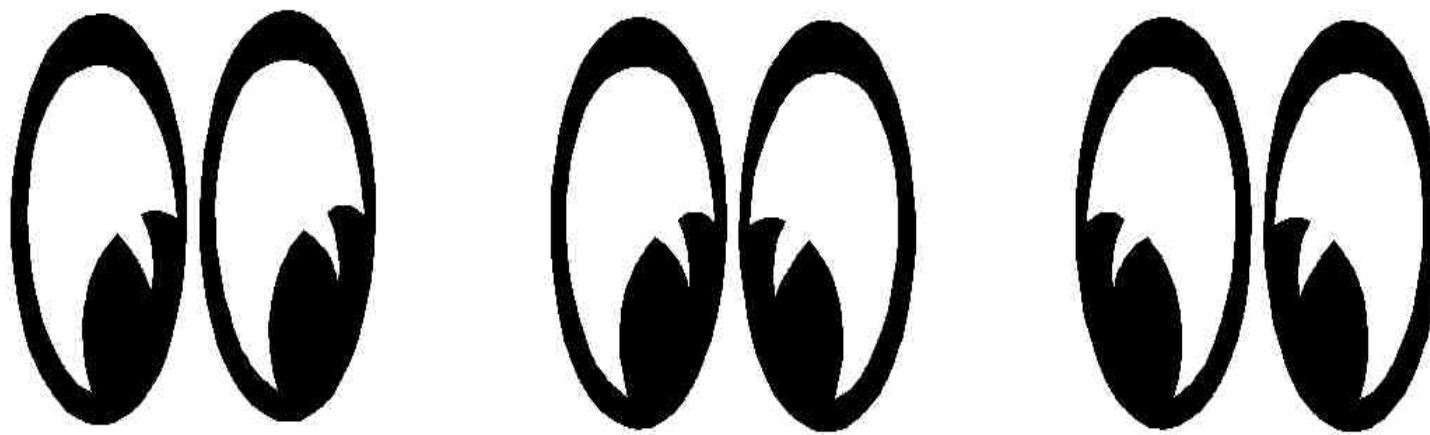
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Editorial

JCU moves newspaper racks

Recently, the Office of Residence Life removed the newspaper racks holding The New York Times, USA Today and The Plain Dealer from some residence halls, and put some in new locations.

The main problem with the newspaper racks in some of the residence halls was securing the racks inside the buildings but outside of the point of the fob doors.

Moving the newspaper racks is beneficial because it prevents the University from paying for unread papers and more students are getting the newspapers.

Because of the move, the Student Union, whose budget from the Student Activity Fee funds the delivery of the papers, is no longer paying for so many unread papers.

Greg Petsche, resident assistant in Sutowski Hall and executive vice president of the Student Union, led this project. Petsche noted that only nine to 11 papers were being taken. Continuing to spend money on delivery would only lessen the budget to keep the Readership Program going.

Though there are no longer racks in Sutowski, Campion, Hamlin or Millor, there have been more racks added in the Boler School of Business, the O'Malley Center, Bernet Hall and the Inn Between. This way, newspapers are available to more students.

This move is an inconvenience to some because The New York Times, USA Today and The Plain Dealer are no longer available in some of the residence halls, and residents in these halls will have to travel to another location to get their newspapers.

However, the moving of the racks and the adjusted amount of newspapers will ensure that students' money is being efficiently used and not wasted on the delivery of unread papers.

Editorial

Spring Concert free to students

John Carroll University's annual Spring Concert, which featured Neon Trees along with opening act Minus the Bear, was free to all JCU students with a valid University identification card.

The concert was able to be free because it was within SUPB's budget to do so. All those who purchased tickets were able to exchange their tickets for refund vouchers between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. the Monday following the concert.

Making the concert available to students free of charge increased the number of attendees at the concert. Were tickets required, many students would have most likely not attended.

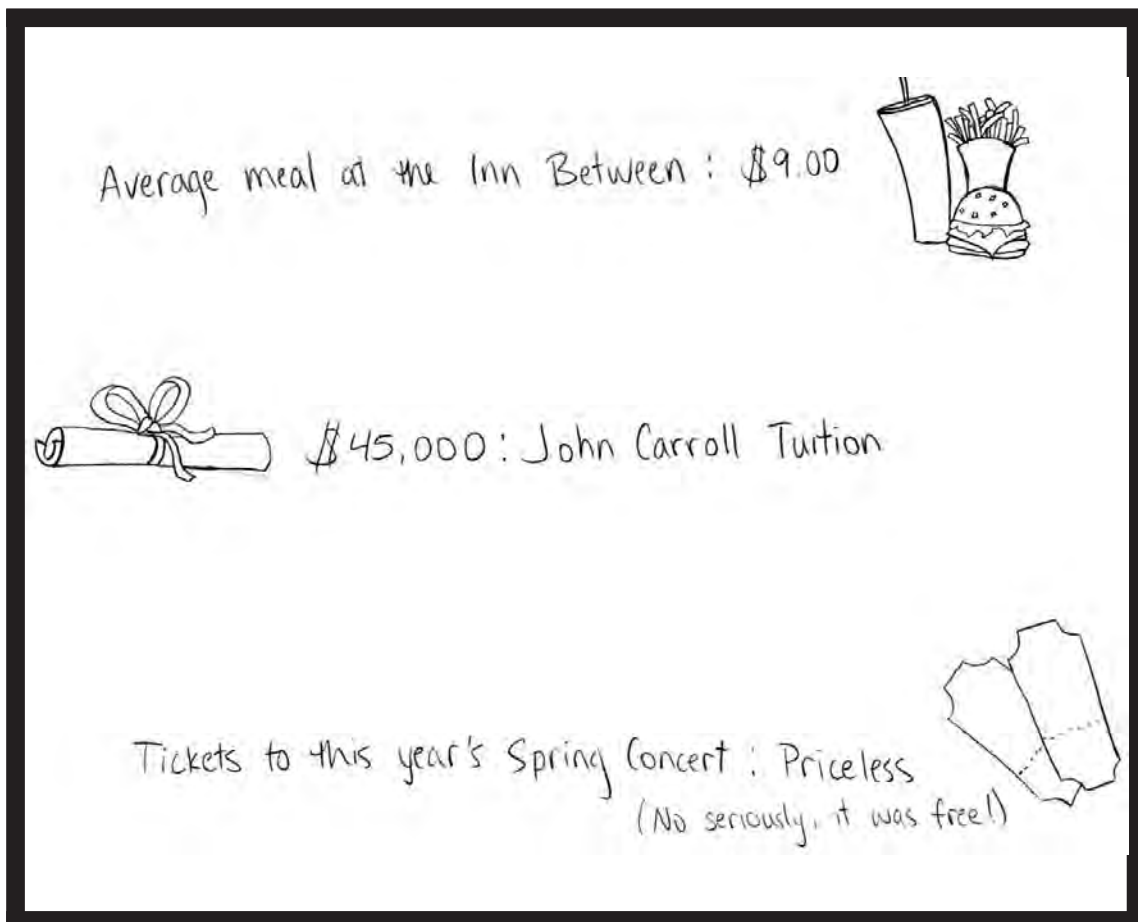
Though it is a safety issue to keep large amounts of money around for several days, some students may have been unable to get their money back. To accommodate for students with busy schedules, more time should be available for ticket refunds.

Unfortunately, on the same night as the concert, both Kappa Kappa Gamma and Gamma Phi Beta had events. Li'l Sibs Weekend occurred the same weekend as well. Such events prevented more students from attending the concert.

In the future, greater effort should be made by campus organizations to make the concert night more available to students.

Some students were disappointed with the band choices. Attendance level was possibly so high due to the fact that the event was free, but in the future the performers must attract students without relying on free entry.

It is important to vary the artist choice each year for the Spring Concert. The Spring Concert Committee needs to make sure the mood and energy are high each year in order to keep students better engaged and increase attendance.



Cartoon by David Hickey

NOTABLE QUOTABLE



"I give it a 10, no question. It was just ridiculous. His explosiveness is out of this world. I don't know if I could do that. I did a lot of [stuff], but that ..."

-Kobe Bryant on teammate Shannon Brown's slam dunk in a Los Angeles Lakers game against the New Orleans Hornets.

HIT& miss

Hit: iPad 2 released by Apple **miss:** Pools of radioactive water leak from Japanese nuclear plant **miss:** Traces of Japanese radiation found in thirteen U.S. states **Hit/miss:** U.S. military action in Libya **Hit:** Beachwood bakery, The White Flower Cake Shoppe, featured on "Amazing Wedding Cakes" on the WE Network **miss:** Amazon dams threaten to destroy rainforest and indigenous tribes **Hit:** The Spring Concert was a success **Hit:** It was free **Hit:** Jimmy Carter visits Cuba **miss:** Cobra escapes New York Zoo **Hit:** April Fool's Day **miss:** A train derailment in Newton Falls results in a chemical spill **Hit:** Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Miami Heat **Hit/miss:** Last weekend to see "Medea" **Hit:** Major League Baseball's opening day is today **Hit/miss:** Hillary Clinton announces she will not run for public office after her current term ends

e-mail your hits & misses to jcunews@gmail.com

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OURVIEW

Be who you are



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I have one last semester in college, where I'll be spending my time enjoying four day weekends and three day weeks. Taking 21 credits this semester, I barely remember what it feels like to have time for myself. Between internships, interviews and an indescribably lousy ex-boyfriend, I'm ready to enjoy a new-found freedom.

People tell you college goes by in a blink of an eye, but it's a cliché I ignored until I decided to actually blink. There's nothing that compares to freshman year, as you come in as a naïve teenager and leave either one of two ways: 1) even more naïve than when you came in, or 2) you've found the person that you want to be.

I can tell you now, nothing will ever compare to second semester freshman year. I lived in Sutowski with one of the most fun and lively

people I have ever met, and had a boyfriend at the time that I was completely head over heels for. We were a giant family that loved each other unconditionally.

Even then, I don't think I really knew who I was or what I wanted. I gave up so many of my beliefs and feelings to stay in a relationship that I knew wasn't healthy. I ate food galore and pretended that the scale didn't actually say what it did say. In reality, I'm pretty sure I had a case of denials.

Come sophomore year, time became a bit scarcer for all of us. We were all experiencing college first hand together, and things altered. I was beginning to feel uneasy with myself, because I wasn't quite sure who that self was. I saw others changing around me, and I was trying to avoid that sinkhole.

This is it, only weeks before senior year. Overall, I've learned a lot in college. We're all finding ourselves, whether we're making positive or negative choices along the way. And that's exactly it, they're our own choices. I'm not perfect, nor do I pretend to be in anyway, but I do know that I like who I'm becoming, and I'm going to continue on this positive path.

Fact of the matter is, people change in college, and usually it

tends to be a forever change. Of the people I've met, I've realized some are driven, some are not. Others care only about themselves and stomp on your feelings as if they're non-existent. Then there are some who find who they are and don't let go of that vision, and have a backbone so strong that no one can convince them otherwise.

I see my life as a giant timeline. All I can see is 21 years and everything prior, not even a few hours ahead of the present time. When things get hard and I want to give up, I just envision God telling me, "Hold in there, Claire," because He can see my entire timeline.

So, don't ever give up on who you are, and don't let anyone else define who you are. Have faith in God, have faith in yourself and don't be afraid of what anyone thinks; because in the end, what matters is what you think of yourself. Don't look back on college with regret, but with a sense of realization and contentment. Before you blink, just remember to be true to yourself, and life will be something glorious. Hebrews 11:1 reads, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see."

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LICENSE TO GILL:

Why worry so much?



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Benjamin Franklin once said, "Do not anticipate trouble or worry about what may never happen. Keep in the sunlight."

Why do we spend so much time worrying? Why do we let the small troubles of everyday life get the best of us?

Letting worries control our minds can be dangerous. Often worries paralyze us. They hold us back. Worries can hold us down, keep us from doing what we want to do and keep us from our goals.

Letting go of all worries is unrealistic. It's just not possible to have *no* worries. A little worry keeps us on our toes, but too much worry keeps us from moving forward.

The important part of worrying is being able to stop our small worries from turning into overwhelming thoughts and fears.

I have to admit that I tend to worry a bit too much. I'm a perfectionist, and unfortunately that makes me sort of a worry-wart.

I have been looking for ways to be more worry-free. While searching for a remedy, I discovered a website called PositivityBlog that provides helpful tips to fret less.

One tip that PositivityBlog provides is, "Remember that 80-90 percent of what you fear will happen never really comes into reality." Many of our personal fears are just mental monsters, or worries in our minds that take control of our thoughts. "If you remind yourself of how little of what you feared throughout your life that has actually happened you can start to release more and more of that worry from your thoughts."

A second tip is, "Accept that you cannot control everything in your life." Controlling everything is just not possible, but making realistic expectations for ourselves can increase a feeling of control. If

we set unrealistic expectations, we are only setting ourselves up for further feelings of negativity. It is important to accept that we cannot be in control of everything in our lives, and if we do this, we can have more inner peace and less inner turmoil.

A third piece of advice is, "Find out what you are really worrying about." We need to figure out the roots of our worries. We might know that we are worrying about a certain aspect of our lives, but what is more important is to figure out *why* it is happening. According to the blog, we ought to "try to find what you are really worried about deep down and start working on that. Instead, trying to overcome or accept a worry that has no real root or cause." We need to sit down and think about the cause of the worry, instead of letting it bully our brains.

A fourth tip from the blog is, "Talk about it." Talking about a worry that is causing us stress with someone who we are close to can be very therapeutic. It allows us to release the stress and view the worry in a new light. The negative thoughts that can easily overtake our minds can cause more irrational fears and worries. Talking with another person can help to bring these irrationalities to a realistic level.

It can also be helpful to utilize a journal to express worries. I have found that if I write down a worry on paper then cross it out, I feel like I am letting go of the fear. "Just letting it all out in some form can help you to release that pent up inner pressure and assist you in finding a new perspective and solutions."

These are all ways to help us better spend our time. Why waste so much time worrying? I would rather spend my time more worry-free, so I can enjoy my life to the fullest.

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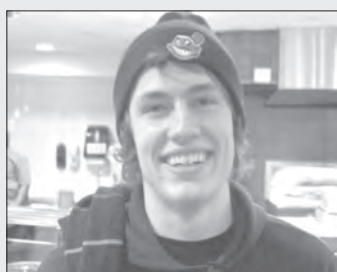
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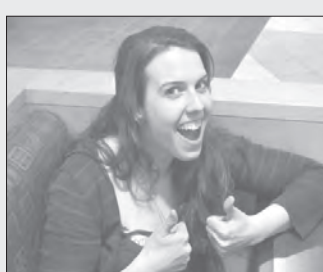
"Being wild and exciting."

Molly Swiatkowski,
freshman



"The scientific name for a booger."

Drew Krainz,
junior



"When something really sucks."

Christine Fleig,
freshman

Borborygmus: rumbling of gas in the stomach

That's what See said: That came quicker than expected



Bob Seeholzer
Editor in Chief

A group of wise men once said, "[We're] sick and tired of hearin' all these people talk about, 'What's the deal with this pop life and when is it gonna fade out?' Then you got to realize what we [sic] doin' is not a trend, we [sic] got the gift of melody, we [sic] gonna bring it 'til the end."

Those wise men were a pop music phenomenon known as *NSync. They haven't recorded together in years, so much for bringing it 'til

the end.

For being a seemingly indestructible force of styled hair, slick choreography, and well-placed falsettos, the fact that it's been nearly a decade since they released anything new scares me at how fickle success can be. Except for Justin Timberlake, he's been fine on his own (confession: my picture is actually inspired by his "Sexyback" phase).

It's too bad Nelly Furtado waited until 2006 to tell the world that all good things come to an end, maybe the boy band era would have fallen off more gracefully. Then again, maybe not. It probably wouldn't have helped me as I tend to ignore that kind of advice. I only know one way to do things and that's the hard way.

I used to think I'd never fade out. In fact, during my sophomore

year I went so far as to tell a fellow CN staff member that I could easily write this column every issue until graduation. She told me I would run out of topics by then, and some of you might agree with her. Producing witty repartee on such a constant basis isn't easy. There's a reason Jim Carrey went six years between "Liar Liar" and "Bruce Almighty."

Despite not always having an award-winning column by deadline night, sharing my eccentric ideas and trying to make an audience laugh has definitely been my favorite part of being on staff. I wouldn't take any of my columns back. Not a single one.

While my column has definitely been the most fun part, the longer I spent in the newsroom the more I ended up invested in the overall product. It's harder to be a part of

the award-winning Carroll News than we make it look. Sometimes we spend up to 15 minutes discussing an idea for "Name That Toon!"

Joking aside, I think over the last four years I learned more within the newsroom than outside of it. That's not meant to be an insult to the rest of the University, rather it's my way of recognizing all of the opportunities The CN has afforded me.

That last statement can be applied to most things I got involved with at JCU. I'm not sure I'd ever advise someone to follow my blueprint because it made me spend far too much time feeling overwhelmed, but I can't imagine the last four years without all of those activities, responsibilities, late nights, early mornings, slept-through alarms, stress fractures, PRs, backells, frontsells, 3 a.m. text

sessions, etc. They were all worth it. (I think.)

In some sense everything in life is ephemeral (see I can use big words and get philosophical too), so I can't claim ignorance. I knew I'd have to pass a torch or two eventually, and like the YouTube parody of The Juggernaut said, "Oh, it's time baby!"

I haven't taken an issue off since early 2008, so I'm owed some vacation time. I'm not sure how I'm going to spend that time but I'm thinking lots of poetry and pina colodas (well, Four Lokos actually, I just wanted to use alliteration).

By the way, I tossed in at least three and a half "that's what she said" jokes for you clowns who still misread the title. Is that enough?

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The Op/Ed Top Ten:

Middle Eastern leaders likely to be overthrown

1. Col. Gadhafi of Libya
2. Col. Gaddafi of Libya
3. Col. Qaddafi of Libya
4. Pres. Ali Abdullah Saleh of Yemen
5. King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa of Bahrain ... but only because he has too many names.
6. Pres. Bashar al-Assad of Syria
7. King Abdullah of Jordan
8. King Abdullah of Saudi Arabia (no relation to King Abdullah of Jordan)
9. Pres. Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (Gesundheit!)
10. Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki of Iraq

-Compiled by Sean Webster

The Bayer Necessities:



Brian Bayer
Campus Editor

Make it hurt

make life too easy.

We need to get up and move. Even when it would be easy to just watch TV in our beds, it really wouldn't hurt to make it hurt. There is one thing more comforting than actually being comfortable ... knowing that you are greater than you thought you could be.

There are a lot of ways to achieve this feeling of self-fulfillment and accomplishment. In my opinion, the best way is exercise. I'm not suggesting spending half an hour in the gym. That's not even worth it. I'm suggesting something that pushes your body to the limits, whatever that means for you; something that afterward leaves you wondering if you're alive or not. Because once you realize you are in fact alive, you will feel more empowered than you ever imagined.

Granted, my perspective may be a bit biased. On "easy" days, I run at least nine miles at what I consider a relaxing pace. On "hard" days, I run around the track in circles. A lot. Fast. Just because I am biased does not mean I am wrong, though. On the contrary, I feel that my experience with this kind of physicality makes me an authority on the subject.

We can't afford to live the way we do. Being fat can no longer be an option. It will literally destroy us. It shouldn't be okay for us to look in the mirror and be content with an unhealthy figure looking back. Obesity is a reflection of laziness, and laziness is a reflection of apathy.

If we don't care about our bodies (the only thing we have to live with from birth to death) then I don't know how it's possible for us to care about anything else. We will deceive ourselves into complacency, and complacency breeds failure.

Failure can't be an option. The only real solution is to push ourselves beyond our limits. We are capable of so much more than most of us think we are. Let's get up and prove it. As Van Halen said, "We might as well jump."

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Nothing is more comfortable and relaxing than lying in bed under the covers and watching some light television or sleeping. So a lot of people ask what my motivation is to get out of bed in the middle of winter at 6:30 a.m. when it is four degrees outside in order to run.

The answer to this is simple: life is not always about being comfortable and relaxing. Sometimes, it's important to make it hurt. As they say, what doesn't kill you makes you stronger. I'm all for that philosophy.

With increasing technology these days, it has become easy to live life as a sloth. There is no need to walk anywhere anymore. I mean, food can literally be delivered to your door if you want. People work from home, and the Internet makes it easy to communicate (though superficially) without ever leaving the confines of your home.

On top of this life of convenience, we have added things like video games, Facebook, Twitter and the like. These trivialities pretend to occupy our minds, making it possible to be completely idle for hours at a time without even noticing it.

Many people claim that these are just the fruits of an advanced society. How distastefully ironic! This plushy world that we live in has bred a generation of obesity and sluggishness that is embarrassing to be a part of.

Granted, there are certain people who have some condition that makes it impossible for them to maintain an average weight. This is understandable and must be addressed with sympathy. But this is not the case in a majority of the situations. Overwhelmingly, people are fat because we let them be. This is not okay.

It has gotten to the point where people expect comfort and ease. That is not the world we were given. Although I do not condemn modern commodities, I think that they often

Graciously Gaffney:

Society is superficial



Emily Gaffney
Managing Editor

At work the other day, I heard about a story that shocked me less than it should have.

It was a story that someone had seen on the "Today" show about a mother in England who reportedly gives her eight-year-old daughter Botox treatments.

I should add a disclaimer here because "Today" noted they weren't sure how true the story was because they got it from a tabloid. What concerns me is that it wouldn't entirely shock me to find out this was true.

We live in a society that is superficial. This isn't anything new and it is something on which almost all of us focus. I'm no exception - I know I'm sometimes guilty of this.

But our society has become increasingly vain, a society of plastic surgery, in which you can change anything about yourself you don't like by simply visiting a doctor. We care too much about the way we look, and we judge ourselves and others based on looks.

I don't think that's what we should focus on, but if you're an adult I'm a huge proponent that it's your body and you can do what you

want with it.

My issue is that this superficiality seems to be trickling down to kids at a younger and younger age.

The little eight-year-old girl who (maybe) gets Botox injections from her mother is not an adult. These injections (if she actually gets them) could potentially have a lasting effect on this girl's life. Her body and brain are not fully developed to the point that Botox should even be a potential option.

Her body will be changing as she grows up and her development could be hindered or altered as a result. Her brain is also not developed to the point where it can make a decision that could affect her future.

If she were 28 years old, I'd say "go for it girl" if it's what you want. But as an eight-year-old, she can't know that and her mother should not make such a pointless, harmful decision for her.

This problem is also glamorized in TLC's "Toddlers and Tiaras." The show sports little girls as young as three in beauty pageants flaunting globs of makeup, spray tans, and fake hair and eyelashes.

This may seem less harmful than giving Botox to your child, and in a way it is. However, this is still telling little girls that what they should focus on is how they look and the more artificial they are, the better. They are being instilled with

this ideal at such a young age that they will likely carry it with them throughout life.

There is even a section on the show's website that allows you to rate the tiny tots' pictures on a scale of 1-10. Not too long ago, many students were up in arms on this campus because of a similar rating system that compared female students. They were upset for good reason, but we should also be upset that little girls are already being subjected to such judgment.

Rather than teach these girls to think that such makeup and artificial beauty is something to aspire to, we should teach these girls to want beautiful personalities, intelligence and to appreciate what is unique about themselves.

What the girls of "Toddlers & Tiaras" are subjected to is real (or as real as television ever is) but like I said, I can't attest to the validity of the Botoxed eight-year-old.

No matter if the story is true or not, though, it begs the questions: What effect does all of this concern with "beauty" have on young children? Are we setting them up for lower self-esteem down the road? Are we pushing them to value only what is skin-deep?

I certainly don't know all of the answers, but they're questions worth pondering.

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Take Back the Night: Rape as a weapon of war

By Kristina Spoto

Rape as a weapon of war has existed since the time of the ancient Greeks and Romans, and even before. Similar tactics occurred in the United States. These crimes are difficult to face, but people around the world face them every day. It is a part of everyone's history. While it's true that women are usually the victims, men, the elderly and children are also victims.

Though we do not see rape as a weapon of war occurring around us, it does still happen. While rape in the U.S. military may not be a weapon, many female military members face sexual assault from other members of the military. This violence often goes unreported and is free of consequence for the perpetrator. Wartime seems to be surrounded by rape. Rape as a weapon of war is used as a form of psychological warfare to humiliate and undermine the enemy and is sometimes encouraged by the military leaders. Even though we do not see it in our everyday lives doesn't mean that we can ignore it; just because it is not happening here doesn't mean it never will.

Women who survive rape as a weapon of war not only have to overcome the emotional damages done to them, but also have to overcome the repercussions of being a victim of rape. In many cultures where rape as a weapon of war is prevalent, such as Sierra Leone, men will leave their wives and children because the woman has

brought shame onto the family, and the men feel that their wedding vows are broken. These women are often shunned by their family as well as the people in their village. They must fight to survive and take care of their children.

In Rwanda, rape was used as a death sentence by having HIV-positive men rape the Tutsi women. In situations such as this, women must live with the physical and psychological effects of their rape every day. One HIV-positive Rwandan victim shares her story:

"Since I learned I was infected [in 1999], my husband said he couldn't live with me. He divorced me and left me with three children, so now I don't know how to pay for food, rent, school and so on. I have no family left. My six-year-old has many health problems, and she must have HIV. She should be on antiretrovirals, but there isn't the money. Since I was married after the war, it is difficult for me to access help from the Genocide Survivor's Fund. My greatest worry is what will happen to my children if I die. I want to get sponsors for them so at least I can die in peace."

I'll leave you with this: if we do not help these women then who will? Sign a petition, donate money, help in any way you can. But please, take action, don't sit idly by and watch while women all over the world are subjected to such dehumanizing violence.

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